



Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona

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### **Somerton City Manager Receives WIFA Project of the Year Award**

SOMERTON – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona Executive Director Jay Spector tonight presented Somerton City Manager Cliff O'Neill with the WIFA Project of the Year award during the Somerton City Council meeting.

O'Neill received the "Best Project Leadership by an Individual" award for his efforts on the upgrade and expansion of Somerton's wastewater facility. His work helped to secure debt authority through a ballot measure in May 2001, coordinate other funding sources for the project and facilitate design of the plant expansion.

"The Somerton wastewater treatment facility is on right path to success due to the leadership of City Manager O'Neill," said Spector. "The efforts of City Manager O'Neill will help resolve the long-standing water quality, wastewater capacity and odor control issues that Somerton had with the wastewater facility."

WIFA provided \$4.4 million Clean Water Revolving Fund loan to Somerton, nearly half of the total funding needed for the plant expansion.

The WIFA Project of the Year awards are given to outstanding WIFA-funded projects as demonstrated by their performance in resolving water quality issues, securing public support and cooperative funding efforts. The WIFA Project of the Year awards are selected annually by the WIFA Board of Directors.